in procurement of foodgrains. All controls on licensing, stock limits and movement restrictions on foodgrains have been removed by the Government *vide* a Central Order issued on 15.2.2002. The public agencies during the last marketing season purchased only 21.67% of the total production of rice and 23% of the total production of wheat in the country.

Price of levy sugar

245. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received for lowering the price of levy sugar sold from Public Distribution System outlets to the levels of the other foodgrains available under this scheme; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of the subsidy burden, the representation has not been accepted.

Sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh

246. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many sugar mills are lying closed in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Mill-wise;

(c) the details of the action plan formulated by Government to revive the above mentioned sugar mills in the State; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) As per the information available in the Directorate of Sugar, the nine sugar mills remained closed during the last five sugar seasons. In addition twelve sugar mills remained closed for some sugar seasons as indicated from the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) to (d) It is the responsibility of the entrepreneur to take steps to reopen/revive the closed sugar mills. The sick sugar companies belonging to private and public sectors are covered under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA). Such sugar companies are required to make a reference to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), whenever their accumulated losses become equal to or more than the networth. If the rehabilitation schemes sanctioned by BIFR provide for any relief/concession from this Ministry, the same is considered as per the existing guidelines.

As regards the cooperative sugar mills, a Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution) to consider the proposals of the potentially viable sick sugar mills of this sector.

Statement

Statement showing the sugar mills which remained closed during the last five sugar seasons.

Sl. No.	Short name of the sugar mills	Sugar season (1998-99)	Sugar season (1999-2000)	Sugar season (2000-01)	Sugar season (2001-02)	Sugar season (2002-03)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Maholi	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
2.	Bareilly	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
3.	Barabanki	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
4.	Nandganj	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
5.	Anandnagar	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
6.	Khalilabad	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Operational
7.	Kathkuiyan	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
8.	Gauriganj	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
9.	Nawabganj	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
10.	Padrauna	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
11.	Meerut	Operational	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
12.	Rampur	Operational	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
13.	Hardoi	Operational	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
14.	Ghughli	Operational	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
15.	Chhitauni	Operational	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
16.	Murderwa	Operational	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
17.	Chilwaria	Operational	Closed	Operational	Operational	Operational
18.	Sardarnagar	Operational	Closed	Closed	Operational	Operational
19.	Dhuriapar	Operational	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
20.	Raja-ka-Sahaspur	Operational	Operational	Closed	Closed	Closed
21.	Maizapur	Operational	Operational	Operational	Operational	Closed

Incentive for sugar export

247. DR. A.R. KIDWAI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are planning to offer an additional incentive of Rs. 500 per tonne on sugar exports, as part of its target to ship at least 30 lakh tonnes during the ensuring 2003–04 season (October-September), as against 17-18 lakh tonnes likely to be achieved in the current season;

(b) whether accepting recommendations of inter-ministerial group, government have approved sops for sugar exporters and decided to bail out the States where there is no system of State advised prices for canes; and

(c) if so, to what extent these funds have been made available to the exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (c) With a view to further promoting the exports of sugar, the Central Government has decided to reimburse to sugar factories, handling and marketing charges at the rate of five hundred rupees per tonne on the quantity of sugar exported by them on or after 3rd of October, 2003. Necessary provisions enabling payment of such reimbursement to sugar factories that have exported sugar, have been incorporated in the Sugar Development Fund Rules 1983 by a Notification in the Official Gazette on 19th November, 2003. The Central Government has also decided to permit